

Advanced Professional Teaching Certificate Renewal

The Advanced Professional Teaching Certificate (APC) is valid for 5 years and each renewal adds five years to the certificate's validity. A renewal can be requested any time after January 1 of the expiration year.

The APC recognizes completion of [an approved Teacher Leader program](#) or achieving [National Board certification](#) through the [National Board for Professional Teaching Standards](#).

School districts approach assignments and benefits associated with the APC differently; therefore, we encourage you to talk with your school and district leaders about your district's approach.

To renew the APC, a teacher must meet all the following requirements:

Renewal Requirements

1. Ratings of Highly Effective for 3 out of the 5 most recent end-of-school-year annual evaluations under [MCL 380.1249](#)*
2. No ratings of Ineffective within the 5 most recent end-of-school-year annual evaluations under [MCL 380.1249](#)*
3. [Education-Related Professional Learning](#) totaling 150 hours.

Any teachers unable to meet the APC renewal requirements may return to the Professional Teaching Certificate.

Education-Related Professional Learning Options:

One of the following [Education-Related Professional Learning](#) options must be earned since the issue date of the APC or most recent APC renewal. These hours must be entered into the [Michigan Online Educator Certification System](#) (MOECS) prior to applying for the renewal for the system to recognize your eligibility:

- 6 semester credit hours appropriate to the content and grade level of the certificate and endorsement from a [regionally accredited college or university](#) or
- 6 semester hours in a planned course of study* from a [regionally accredited college or university](#); or

- 150 Michigan [State Continuing Education Clock Hours](#) (SCECHs) appropriate to the content and grade level of the certificate and endorsement; or
- 150 hours of Michigan [District Provided Professional Development](#) (DPPD) appropriate to the content and grade level of the certificate and endorsement.
- Any combination of the above.

Education-Related Professional Learning Hour Conversion:

- College credit: 1 semester credit = 25 professional learning hours
- SCECH Hours: 1 SCECH hour = 1 professional learning hour
- DPPD Hours: 1 DPPD hour = 1 professional learning hour

IMPORTANT NOTE: Educators who hold the School Counselor (NT) endorsement on a teaching certificate, *regardless of current assignment*, must meet the requirements of law ([MCL 380.1233\(6\)](#)) to renew that teaching certificate. Specific information pertaining to renewing a school counselor credential can be accessed via the [School Counselor Credential Renewals](#) document. Endorsements are not renewed; rather, certificates are renewed, and a renewal of that certificate will maintain the existing endorsements. An endorsement can *only* be removed from a Michigan teaching certificate if the [nullification process](#) is utilized.

*For additional information on **educator evaluations and ratings**, please visit the [educator evaluations website](#) or email questions to MDE-EdEvals@michigan.gov.

*** Credits in a planned course of study may include credits taken as part of an education-related master's or higher degree or credits in a program that leads to an endorsement.*